(घ) इस रेलवे जोन के अंतर्गत कुल कितनी लम्बी रेलवे लाइनों को अधिक पुरानी हो जाने की वजह से परिवर्तित किए जाने की आवश्यकता है और उन्हें परिवर्तित किए जाने के लिए की जा रही कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश कलमाडी): (क) से (ग) ब्यौरा इस प्रकार है:—

		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
(i)	यात्री गाड़ियों की दुर्घटनाएं	20	25	19	24
(ii)	अन्य गाड़ियों की दुर्घटनाएं	65	82	85	68
(iii)	कुल दुर्घटनाएं	85	107	104	92
(iv)	रेल कर्मचारियों की विफलता के कारण हुई दुर्घटनाएं	64	81	68	66
(v)	उपस्कर खराब होने के कारण हुई दुर्घटनाएं	9	10	18	9
(vi)	मारे गए व्यक्तियों की संख्या	13	54	31	49
(vii)	रेल सम्पत्ति को हुई क्षति की लागत (करोड़ रुपये में)	6.51	13.80	22.51	17.31

(घ) 1.4.95 को 1189 कि.मी. रेलपथ का नवीकरण किया जाना था, जिसमें से 674 कि.मी. के नवीकरण के कार्य को पहले ही स्वीकृत किया जा चुका है। चालू वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान 278 कि.मी. के नवीकरण का लक्ष्य है.

Scheme Launched for Generating Employment

827. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes launched by his Ministry for generating employment opportunities throughout the country and the amount allocated State-wise/Union Territory-wise for the same; and

(b) whether any scheme was drawn up for the Union Territory of Pondicherry; if so, the amount allocated for the current year alongwith the details thereof regarding the results achieved in regared thereto;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPTT OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION) (SH. S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) A Centrally sponsored scheme named "Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP)" which provides, among other things, for self-employment and shelter-upgradation, has been launched in Novermber, 1995 in Class II urban agglomerations with population ranging between 50,000 and 1,00,000, as per 1991 Census. A statement showing the funds released to States/UTs covered under the Programme is annexed (*see* below). It has recently has decided to extend the coverage of the scheme to the district towns of the States of north-eastern region, Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Garhwal-Kumaon regions of Uttar Pradesh provided the population of the district town does not exceed 1,00,000 and also the district town itself or any other town under it is not already covered under the programme, being a Class II urban agglomeration.

(b) The above named scheme is applicable to Karaikal, a Class II urban agglomeration, in Pondicherry UT also and a sum of Rs. 30.00 lakhs has been released to it for the year 1995-96. It is too early to assess the results achieved thereto.

Statement

PRIME MINISTER'S INTEGRATED URBAN POVERTY ERADICATION PROGRAMME (PMI UPEP) — RELEASE OF FUNDS DURING 1995-96.

sl. No.	State/U.T.	central funds released (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	980.58
2.	Assam	120.00
3.	Bihar	819.37
4.	Goa	90.00
5.	Gujarat	583.59
6.	Haryana	183.03
7.	Karanataka	634.59
8.	Kerala	263.20
9.	Madhya Pradesh	772.87
10.	Maharashtra	948.60
11.	Nagaland	60.00
12.	Orissa	269.17
13.	Punjab	306.30
14.	Rajasthan	506.27
15.	Tamil Nadu	1,046.37
16.	Uuutar Pradesh	1,516.63
17.	West Bengal	679.43
18	A & N Islands	50.00*
19.	Pondicherry	30.00

*FUNDS ARE BEING RELEASED.

Condition of Hospitals in U.P.

828. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a headline news in Indian Express dated the 10th February, 1996 under the caption "U.P. Government keep hospital in the dark"; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in the interest of the patients of the hospital?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINITER OF WATER RESOURCES) (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Ban on reducing airfares on private airlines

829. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on private airlines reducing airfares;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether private airlines will be encouraged to reduce fares; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d): Airlines operators are free to fix fares in their best commercial judgement.